MSNA Newsletter

Missouri Special Needs Association
A Division of Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education (MO ACTE)

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GREETINGS FROM THE MSNA PRESIDENT

PAM MADISON, PRESIDENT

This is actually the last time I will have the privilege to write to you in the newsletter as your president. It has been a great year, and I can't wait until summer conference. I hope I have the opportunity to personally shake each of your hands and let you know that what you do on a daily basis is greatly appreciated.

The conference planning committee has worked extremely hard to try and provide the requests and suggestions that were made on last year's conference evaluation. As you will see, we will begin our conference as we have in the past with the MO-ACTE Opening General session on Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 am. I have heard great things about the speaker, Mr. Ray McNaulty. Lunch will again be provided, as it was last year. However, after you get your lunch we encourage you to get back to the Oasis. We have worked with the Program Improvement Committee and DESE to continue our



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Sneak Preview 2008 Summer Conference afternoon back at the Oasis Hotel, as we will learn about our role in assisting with "Programs of Study" our presenter will be Mr. Paul MacKay.

I could continue to talk about the conference events, but I will let you read the rest of the newsletter for more information. At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the MSNA board members for all their hard work in preparing for conference, and a special thanks to Julie Gronneberg and Marsha Ruettgers for all the extra help they have done in assisting the Conference Planning Committee.

Before I step down as your president this summer, I would like to address a goal I made for myself as I took this position last year. That is the goal of helping each of you understand more about our organization. In a previous newsletter, I encouraged each of you to also get involved. However, I'm not sure that people really understand what they can do to get involved.

Well, my term is almost over and I am going to try and accomplish this goal. On the next page of this newsletter, I have tried to explain the organization and to summarize the positions available so that each of you can understand to a greater level when we have our business meeting this summer. Don't stop reading this because you think you have too much to do now!!!! It really doesn't take much time and the benefits are overwhelming!!!!

WHAT IS MSNA?

PAM MADISON, PRESIDENT

The Missouri Special Needs Association is a division of the Missouri Association of Career and Technical Education. We consist of educators that work with students whom have special needs. Our division currently has three sections within, one of which has become somewhat non-existent, Vocational Evaluators. The two other groups, Basic Skills/Skills Related and Vocational Resource Educators (VRE's) currently have a total of 94 members. Each of these divisions has a Vice President and a Vice President-Elect whom represent their group on the MSNA Executive Council/Board.

What is the Executive Council?

The Executive Council is made up of MSNA officers, appointed chairpersons of standing committees, and The Director of Department of Elementary and Secondary Special Needs for Career and Technical Education. The Council plans for annual meetings, recommends policies and activities for the organization, and assists in planning the summer conference. They meet five times a year and are governed by a Constitution and bylaws that were last adopted in July of 2006. I hope to have this information on the DESE webpage for your viewing before you get this newsletter. Please take the time to view the information, as it will provide a more detailed description.

What are the MSNA offices?

MSNA officer shall be: President, President Elect, Executive Vice President, Sections Vice Presidents, Section Vice President-Elects, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. These officers are elected from active membership at the annual meeting held during the summer conference. This year that meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 1:30pm in the Sahara A. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

The secretary and Treasurer are elected biannually to a two-year term of service. The Executive Vice President is elected annually to a four-year term of service. In year one, you serve as the Executive Vice president, year two you serve as the President-Elect, year three you serve as the President and in year four you serve as the Immediate Past president. Each position has specific duties, which I will briefly explain, later in the next section. Finally Section Vice President-Elects are elected annually to a two-year term of service. During the first year you will serve as the Section Vice President-Elect and the second year you will serve as the Section Vice President.

What are the officer duties?

In a nutshell, it is the president's responsibility to preside over the 5 Executive Council meetings held throughout the year, serve on the Planning Committee, which meets 3 times a year, and on the MO-ACTE board which meets 3 times a year. Take care of housekeeping duties as required, generate articles for the newsletter, appoint committee members as needed, and serve as a liaison between MSNA and MO-ACTE.

The President-Elect has the responsibilities of performing the duties of the President during a temporary absence. He/she is a member of the Executive Council, the Conference Planning Committee, the MO-ACTE Board of Directors, attends the House of Delegates meeting, generates articles for the newsletter, and assists with general housekeeping items as required.

The Past President shall attend the 5 meetings of the Executive Council, sit on the Planning Committee, and provide leadership to the President.

The Treasurer is elected biannually to serve a two-year term of service. It is the responsibility of the treasurer to attend the 5 Executive Council meetings, present a proposed budget and keep track of that budget throughout the year. The Treasurer will also work with the president to assist in additional tasks.

The Secretary is also elected biannually to serve a term of two years. It is the responsibility of the secretary to attend all 5 meetings of the Executive Council, take notes a provide minutes to all members and work with the President to assist in additional tasks.

Committee Member responsibilities are specific to each area, but all are asked to serve as a liaison for the MSNA organization with MO-ACTE, by attending meetings called by each committee, and the 5 Executive Council meetings held by MSNA.

I have tried to briefly give you some information about the organization and responsibilities of the Missouri Special Needs Association, a division of Missouri ACTE. Please make plans to attend our General Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 1:30pm in Sahara A at the MO-ACTE Conference in Springfield.

If you have any questions prior to conference about any of the positions or anything in general, please fell free to contact me.

LEADERS OF MSNA, COME FORTH

BILLIE SHARP, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

MSNA is looking for a few good leaders. There are several leadership positions that are open. Committees that have open positions are Scholarship and Program Improvement. MSNA is also looking for a second vice-president and secretary. If you are interested in any of these leadership positions please contact Billie Sharp, Hillyard Technical Center, at 816-671-4170 or email her at billie.sharp@sjsd.k12.mo.us.

MSNA NEEDS YOU !!!!

Missouri Special Needs Association

Proposed Amendment ation Constitution and Bylaws

Tuly 2008

Bylaws: Article 1 - Section 4 - Number 1

The section Vice Presidents and Section Vice Presidents-Elect shall serve as representatives from the Special Needs sections listed below and shall keep the Executive Council informed of issues and concerns within their respective sections:

Basic Skills Instructors / Skill Related Educators

{Vocational Evaluators}

Vocational Resource Educators (VRE) / Counselors

Rationale – At this point in time it appears that the Vocational Evaluators group has become almost non-existence. The membership of that group has fallen off until there are only one or two members. (At one point in our history the Vocational Evaluators were the second largest sub-group of our division.) There seems to be several reasons for this decline in membership but the main reason is budget cuts and/or individuals leaving the profession and not being replaced.

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2008 MSNA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



BILLIE, SHARP, SCHOLARSHIP

It is my privilege to announce the 2008 MSNA Scholarship winner. The winner of the 2008 MSNA Scholarship is Ashley Dinwiddie. Ashley is from Lex La-Ray Technical Center, Lexington, MO. Ashley will receive a \$500 scholarship to put towards her college and textbook expenses. Ashley's goal is to become a Robotics Engineer and to operate her own robotics facility. Michael Gonder, Ashley's Computer Maintenance and Networking instructor, believes that Ashley is a self-starter who is an asset to any class. He continues to say that "Ashley's honesty, integrity, and 'I Can Do' attitude is an inspiration to the rest of the students." Ashley's application was submitted by Pam Madison, VRE, Lex La-Ray Technical Center.

I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" all the applicants for taking the time to fill out the applications. The quality of the applications made it very difficult for the judges to make decisions. I would also like to say "Thank You" to Shirley Twombly, Career Education Coordinator; Kathy Stockett, Dental Hygienist Coordinator; and Connie Myers, Financial Aid, of Hillyard Technical Center for judging the applications.



CONGRATULATIONS!



MSNA RAFFLES

BILLIE SHARP, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

MSNA members will again be selling raffle tickets to benefit the MSNA Scholarship fund. Members are currently selling tickets for two raffles. The first raffle is for the Oasis Hotel. The winner of this raffle will enjoy a dinner for two at Fire & Ice and a weekend suite. The second raffle is the Branson Get-Away Package. This package includes a two-night stay at the Comfort Inn and Suites, two tickets to Presley's, Dixie Stampede, and Ride the Ducks along with two one-day passes for Silver Dollar City. A third raffle is in development. Please contact Billie Sharp at billie.sharp@sjsd.k12.mo.us for any further information on raffle tickets.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2008 SUMMER CONFERENCE

JULIE GRONNEBERG, CONFERENCE PLANNING

Our conference planning committee has been working hard this year to bring its membership a memorable and informative conference. Keep on reading to learn some of the wonderful things that have been planned!

The hotel room cost this year is \$74. The price does include a hot breakfast on Tuesday morning in the Atrium and in the Oasis Convention Center on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Please note that there will also be a breakfast set up in the Atrium each morning for the other guests in the hotel.

If you are interested in what will be served at the Tuesday night Tailgate Party, we are excited to announce that our menu will consist of meatballs, chicken tenders, pulled pork and sandwich buns, deli tray with meats, cheeses, and condiments, assorted cheeses, vegetable tray, chips, assorted desserts, soda and beer. We will also have a band for entertainment. We will be sharing our evening with MACS, MSCA and Trade & Industry. There will be attendance prizes! It will be a great evening. Be sure to join the fun!!!

Our luncheon menu for Wednesday will be sliced sirloin of beef, Tuscan tomato chicken, green beans almondine, roasted new potatoes, garden salad, rolls, coffee, iced tea, and water. We will have mints on the table for a "light" dessert. Our afternoon break on Wednesday will be cookies, brownies, mini cheesecakes, crackers, and water. As you can see, we will be eating well during the conference!!!

The daily schedule will be posted on easels located in the lobby of the hotel, the Convention Center and by the Sonoran room. Additionally, a flyer will be given to members as they check in to the hotel about the location of the breakfasts, luncheon, and social events. There will be signs by each of the conference rooms with the daily schedule for that room. We hope that all of the additional information and signage will help make the conference more enjoyable and easier to navigate.

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR YOUR HOTEL ROOM NOW!!!!!!!! The Oasis is holding 80 rooms for MACS/MSCA/MSNA until July 6, 2008. Reservations made <u>after</u> **July 6**th <u>will not</u> be guaranteed a room at the Oasis. PLEASE encourage any one you know that is planning to go to the summer conference to reserve their room now. They can always cancel the reservation if they are unable to attend.

WHAT'S NEW IN MISSOURI SPECIAL NEEDS ASSOCIATION?

HENRY CHIDS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MSNA now has a Certificate of Attendance to provide **PROOF** of attendance at MO ACTE CONFERENCE. The certificate will provide documentation for Conference participants who participate in Career Ladder, Professional Development and school district reporting. Our certificate is not just a give away, you must attend the conference sessions. The certificates will be given out at the end of the conference.

WAY TO GO MANUAL STUDENTS!

HENRY CHILDS, VRE MANUAL CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

MANUAL students participated in SKILLS USA State Contest April 3-5, 2008 in Jefferson City, MO at Linn State Technical College. The Broadcasting team of Markes Snell, Kiva Coppage, Pierre Stevens and Michael Wilson won *first place* medals in Television News Anchor. MCTC's Broadcasting team of Charmaine Ross and Alicia Willis won *third place* medals in Video Production Development.

Let us give a big *Congratulations* to the winners and all the SKILL USA State Competitors. Other MCTC State competitors were Television Production Austin Taylor and Alisha Caldwell, Cosmetology Irene Roades and Ardonyalasha Johnson, <u>Nails Comfort Stennis and Culinary Arts David Brown</u>.

Thanks to Mr. Stinson McClendon and all the teachers and staff who assisted in making the trip to the SKILLS USA Contest a success.



STUDENT FINDS SUCCESS IN CAREER TRAINING

KELLY BYRD, LEBANON TECHNICAL & CAREER CENTER

Amanda's attitude, academic achievement, and attendance have changed since first becoming a student at Lebanon Technology and Career Center (LTCC). After entering the Early Childhood Education and Careers program her sophomore year, significant positive changes were observed in Amanda by school faculty and staff.

While it is not typical for tenth graders to enter the program, Amanda was enrolled into the class on a year that LTCC opened enrollment to sophomores on a part-time status. Joey Bowling, her first year Early Childhood Education and Careers teacher says, "Amanda's attitude has improved so much since becoming a student at LTCC. She is more concerned with getting her class work finished and making good grades then she was her sophomore year. She has worked really hard with our basic skills instructor on organization and goal setting. I think finding success in our program has helped her find a comfortable place in school."

Amanda's grades, attendance, GPA, and class rank have steadily improved in the last three years. "I have occasionally worked with Amanda since her freshman year," says Jeremy Smith, a resource teacher at the high school. "There were noticeable changes in Amanda after becoming a student at the Tech Center. She seemed happier in school and she became more responsible with assignments in her classes here at the high school.

After graduating in May, Amanda plans on using the A+ program to attend Ozarks Technical Community College where she will continue her education in Early Childhood Education and Careers. She states, "I am so glad I found a class I really like and that I am good at. I feel like I have so many more opportunities."

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF WHAT IS AHEAD AT MO ACTE

Monday, July 21, 2008

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Exhibits Open/ Missouri ACTE Registration	n Springfield EXPO Center
Tuesday, July 22, 2008		
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Springfield EXPO Center
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Missouri ACTE Conference Registration	Springfield EXPO Center
9:15 am – 10:15 am	MO ACTE New Professional Reception	University Plaza Convention Center
10:30 am	MO ACTE Opening General Session Part	1 Springfield EXPO Center
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	General Session – Part 2 Programs of Study for MACS/MSCA/MSN	Oasis Hotel IA
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	T-Mobile Industry Tour – All Missouri ACTE Members Welcome! Floratherapy	
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	MACS/MSNA/MSCA/T & I Tailgate/Special Education	
Wednesday, July 23, 2008 MACS, MSCA, & MSNA Meetings & Sessions will be held at the Oasis Inn & Convention Center		
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Highlights with DESE	
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Break-out Sessions Depression and Cutting: Helping Students Who Deal with Depression through Self-Mutilation Recruiting and Retaining Nontraditional Students Secondary 180-Day Follow-Up Career Prep Certificates Secondary/Post Secondary	
9:45 – 10:15	Break - Oasis Hotel Atrium	Sponsored by Sullivan University
10:15 am - 11:15 am	Break-out Sessions Enrollment Strategies Teen Suicide: What You Need to Know and What You Can Do Identifying and Managing Violent or Aggressive Individuals Postsecondary 180-Day Follow-Up	
11:30 – 12:20	Lunch	Sponsored by Ranken Tech. College
12:30 – 1:15	MSNA Awards MSCA: DESE Update MACS: Business Meeting	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Break-Out Sessions "Victim or Victorious?" Employer Panel Our First Year with Embedded Math Business Meeting/Networking MSNA	

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm Break-out Sessions

Perkins IV Update

School-wide Positive Behavior Support

Autism - Did you know?

Alternative Ways to Earn High School Credit

3:30 pm House of Delegates Meeting University Plaza – Iowa Room

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Linn State Technical College Social Sponsored by Linn State Tech College

8:30 pm Missouri ACTE All-Division Social Oasis Inn and Convention Center

Thursday, July 24, 2008

6:45 am - 7:45 am Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:00 am Break-out Sessions

Pre-and-Post-Testing for Student Success

Transition to Higher Education: Support Services for Students with Disabilities

Utilizing Advisory Committees

Missouri Connections: Connecting You to Success

Individual Planning

9:15 am - 10:15 am Breakout Sessions

Legal Update

Everything you need to know and then some about MO-Public School Retirement

System

MOSIS – What is it? What do you do with it?

9:15 – 9:45 Carousel 1

MoVIP (Missouri's K-12 Virtual Instructional program)

Legislative Processes

Embedded Credit - Integrating Math in CTE

9:45 – 10:15 Carousel 2 (Carousel 1 topics will be repeated)

10:15 am - 10:25 am Break

10:25 am - 11:00 am Closing Session and Drawing for \$100.00

Be sure to check your MO ACTE Convention Guide for more up-dated and detailed information.

Looks like a great time! See you there!

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